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May 28, 1987

Ms. Teresa McParland, Geologist
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Resource Area Office
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Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Ms. ^{Terry} McParland:

Re: Site Inspections - Vanadium Queen (D/037/033), Blue Cap-
Little Joe (D/037/034), and Firefly Mine (D/037/035)

The three mines referenced above are located just off Highway 46 near the Colorado line. All three are located on unpatented Bureau of Land Management (BLM) claims and are very old mines that have been worked intermittently over the years. Each of them were actively mining after January 1981. I inspected these mines last month and was concerned with a number of safety and environmental problems, especially at the Vanadium Queen.

I recently spoke with Bryce Cleghorn of Cleghorn Mining Company, P.O. Box 2604, Grand Junction (PH: 243-0396). Cleghorn Mining operated the Blue Cap-Little Joe Mine and still holds those claims. They also acquired the claims to the Firefly after it shut down, and more recently, the claims to the Vanadium Queen. Bryce was agreeable to correcting the onsite problems, as long as they could take care of them at assessment time when they would have equipment onsite.

I hope that I was not too presumptuous, but I recommended that they meet with you prior to that time and that you would be more than happy to work with them in getting the problems corrected. I would like to come along also, if time and scheduling permits.

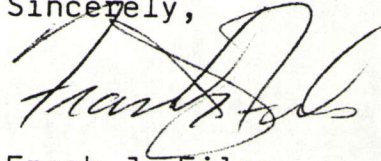
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Attached are copies of my field memos which are also being forwarded to Bryce. If you have any problems with the way I have handled this, be sure and let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Filas", written over a horizontal line.

Frank J. Filas
Reclamation Engineer

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cc: L. Braxton

B. Cleghorn

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